



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1243

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**
- Research indicates the primary predictor of foster placement disruption is the behavior of the child. Youth who are disruptive or aggressive disrupt their placement within six months of placement 70% of the time. In an effort to break this cycle and create positive outcomes for both the youth in care and the families, Family Initiative is working with the Safe Children's Coalition to implement our comprehensive child welfare behavioral program. Our team has built a multi component program to support and strengthen the foster family network across Circuit 12. Component 1 is the inclusion of behavior based parenting and disciplinary techniques provided during the pre-service training required for becoming a licensed caregiver. Component 2 is a 3-week, 9-hour training designed to build on the skills introduced during pre-service training. Component 3 is the intensive in-home services designed to increase placement stability and provide skills to strengthen & retain foster families.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted? Yes No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="348,300"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	348,300

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="348300"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="77.0"/> %
Matching Funds		
Federal	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="102,650"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="23"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	450,950	100 %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
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9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Salary for a Program Director position to oversee the project and to provide clinical supervision and oversight as well as work directly with the Safe Children's Coalition to coordinate care.	80,000
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Salary for a Board Certified Behavior Analyst, two Registered Behavior Technician, and two Child Welfare Case Manager positions to provide training and clinical services throughout the region with minimal wait. The local community based care lead agency has agreed to fund one Masters Level Behavior Analyst and one Family Specialist.	230,300
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Equipment, clinical space, and supplies to offer training and clinical services for out of home caregivers and dependent children throughout the region.	38,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		348,300



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11. Program Performance

a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?

The primary goal will be to improve placement stability and well-being of youth in out of home care while strengthening foster family skills to increase retention. Additionally, the program will achieve improved mental health, reduced recidivism, and divert youth from the juvenile justice system.

b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

The multi component program includes caregiver training at two different points for a total of 15 hours of training on an evidenced based curriculum. Additionally, the program provides intensive in home behavioral support by master's level nationally board certified clinicians who work with caregivers and youth to develop and implement an individualized behavior plan. Coordination of care will be provided to ensure collaboration with other needed providers/services.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

Direct services which will be received are as follows; evidence based pre-service training and in-service training, intensive in home ABA services, case management/coordination of care.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

The project will fund in-home clinical services provided to families throughout our region who have children and young adults demonstrating maladaptive behavior, have experienced trauma, and are at risk of disrupting their placement. 150 families are expected to be served.

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

Outcome #1: Increase placement stability. Outcome #2: Reduction in the number of referrals, baker acts, arrest records after services. Outcome #3: Access to mental health providers/therapists measured by timely referrals by agency. Outcome #4: Provision of collaborative services provided to family/individual.

Methodology #1: Collaborate with community based care agency to identify youth placement records. Methodology #2: Collaborate with community providers and organizations to gather/track critical incidents. Methodology #3: Referrals made to mental health counselors/therapists/agencies. MOU's will be developed with providers to promote timely access to services for referrals made. Methodology #4: Creation of a multidisciplinary treatment plan document signed by all providers and family/individual.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?

Elimination of per deliverable unit funding for failed outcomes.



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12. The owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

N/A

13. Requestor Contact Information

- a. First Name Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.

14. Recipient Contact Information

- a. Organization
- b. Municipality and County
- c. Organization Type
- For-profit Entity
 - Non-Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non-Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (please specify)
- d. First Name Last Name
- e. E-mail Address
- f. Phone Number

15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.